

The Norfolk News

This is the season when the ice man becomes one of the most independent people living.

If you wouldn't care to be the ice man, how would you like to be a spieler at a side show?

The firemen have undoubtedly had a good time, and it is certain that the majority of the people of Norfolk have appreciated their visit.

It is perhaps a source of satisfaction not to be great, when it is popular to cut open the bodies of the great and tell the people what they find inside.

They should at least have a latch string that hangs outside on that door to Manchuria. This would prevent some of the trouble that has been occasioned.

The interest of the public is very likely to soon turn from Rome and center in the orient, where war clouds are gathering that threaten to burst at almost any moment.

The tournament interrupted the growth of Norfolk as far as the building operations were concerned for a few days but it is at it again now more vigorously than ever.

If the funny men keep at it they will lead people to believe that the Kansas farmers really do resort to extreme measures to get help in caring for their immense crops of grain.

The tumbling of stocks in Wall street has thus far had no other effect than bringing ridicule upon the financiers who are among the losers. The business world has not felt even a slight tremor.

Perhaps those who have believed that there would be no corn crop owing to the lateness of the season, will now be willing to take it back for the time being. The prospects for the corn harvest are excellent.

Utah is one of the four states in which there has not been a lynching since 1885—and the only western state. Surely the state of the Mormons has some credit coming.

If a person is not able, for business or other reasons, to go on a summer outing, it does not in any manner make him endure his environment more cheerfully to read the announcements of summer resorts.

Milwaukee desires to entertain the coming national democratic convention and has placed its bid early. Milwaukee no doubt considers that the fireworks taking place about that time will further contribute toward making her famous.

When they get through uncovering the rottenness in Missouri's official circles, it is apparent that there will be but few of them left without a stain on their character. The gathering in of "driftwood" appears to have been a very popular employment down there.

There is something satisfactory coming from the fact that John M. Thurston fell into the sea at Coney Island—the people who honored him at one time have learned that he is still alive, and must be prospering if he can afford to go to Coney Island, even to fall into the sea.

Two persons were seriously wounded at Jackson, Ky., as the result of a shooting scrape over a poker game. When Jackson fails to keep before the people with its disastrous pistols duels it will be time to send missionaries to the Fiji Islands to civilize the other heathen.

The warm and dry weather has come to Nebraska when it was most needed and the corn is humping along at that well known Nebraska gait that promises a bumper harvest. Now is the time to buy a Nebraska farm and help the oldest inhabitants stand up for the best state in the union.

General Miles evidently forgot to consider that horseback riding was the president's favorite stunt and that he had at his command some of the finest animals in the country, so that it was not a serious matter for him to plan and take a ride that would at least average up well with the general's.

It will be no trouble to find a man for second place when the proper time comes. Ordinarily it may not be a large honor to be elected vice president and hold that office but to make the race with President Roosevelt and hold the office under his coming administration will be an honor equal to the best of them.

The one drawback to a firemen's tournament as well as other racing meets, is that all the teams entered could not be winners, and the losing teams cannot somehow manage to feel as cheerful over the outcome as the winners. But to make them all win would rob the meet of its rivalry,

and therefore its interest, so there you are.

Eastern people who spend much money in traveling around to see things that are beautiful are informed that from this time on until frost Nebraska furnishes about the most beautiful scenery and country that they could care to look upon. It would repay them to take a trip out to breathe the energizing air and see the country.

Statistics show that Pennsylvania produced 8,511,191 pounds of steel in 1902, while in 1896, the year in which Mr. Bryan first made an appearance above the national political horizon, the production was less than half that, or in exact figures, 3,345,529 tons. Perhaps the occasion of this increased production was Mr. Bryan's appearance and then again it may have been because he was prevented from remaining after he had appeared.

Today is the anniversary of the capture of the daring confederate leader, General John Morgan, who was taken just forty years ago. Morgan created more of a stir and fear in some quarters than had the entire confederate army and his capture was a great relief to the people of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Major George W. Rue, with a small company of cavalry, has recently been credited with the capture of the raider.

Dodge county, that a few years ago had two of the strongest and best populist papers in the state now has no sheets representing that party. They have gone the way of numerous other publications of like faith throughout the state and have left a hole in the political situation like a person leaves who places his finger in a mill pond and withdraws it. Populism does not appear to be able to withstand republican prosperity, even as well as pure and undefiled democracy.

Nebraska as a farming state is attracting favorable attention from eastern people and many of them are preparing to get rid of their high priced and more or less run down farms and come to Nebraska to take some of the cheap and fertile lands that this state has in such abundance. The drouthy conditions in the New England states will undoubtedly be a factor in causing a movement toward the west and Nebraska may expect to benefit to a considerable degree from this.

Perhaps those who know all about running a newspaper have never tried it when a firemen's tournament or other important event is on and there is an extra amount of work in the office, while each and every employee thinks that it should be an occasion for him to have a good time, and to cap the climax to endeavor to install a new system in the office coincident with the event. If you can stand such a test it will be granted that you know all about running a newspaper.

Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw wife of the secretary of the treasury, may not be exactly loyal to her sex, but she certainly has a vein of humor in her make up. According to an eastern paper a young man of humorous bent one day exclaimed in her presence: "What could be more dreadful for a wife after mending her husband's coat, to find in one of the pockets a love letter from another woman?" "Fortunately," said Mrs. Shaw, "that could never happen. The woman would find the letter first and then she would not mend the coat."

Tariff revision is a growing idea among the democrats to the exclusion of the old free trade argument and that for a tariff for revenue only. They undoubtedly hope to catch a large number of republicans on the scheme as they did when they sprung the deal for free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but many of them have grown wise and fail to see in tariff revision anything different from what the democrats been attempting to foist on the country for a number of years and succeeded magnificently under Grover's last administration.

Nebraska is developing something of a reputation herself, in the wheat raising line. In 1890 the yield of wheat in the state was but 10,000,000 bushels, while it is estimated that the yield for this harvest will not be less than 80,000,000. An increase of 800 per cent in thirteen years is a gratifying showing and indicates what Nebraska soil is capable of accomplishing under development. This development, by the way, is yet in its infancy, and there are thousands of acres waiting to give up a yield toward the feeding of the world. It is none to early to take up some of the land bargains offered and share in the profits incident thereto.

Just now the scientific world is intensely interested in the discovery of a new metal—radium—which is said to give off light and heat without

losing quantity or quality. It is said to have been found of inestimable value in curative powers, especially for blindness; but now comes a scientist who claims that it has harmful properties. That it will produce a running sore in the flesh, and that mice shut in a box containing it quickly succumb. Perhaps many of the stories told about it and phenomenon attributed to it are fakes, but it is certainly a wonderful mineral if but a portion told of it is true and interest both by scientists and people who know nothing of science.

The season is almost here when the politicians will begin to lay awake nights wondering if they have sufficient inducements in sight to attract the farmers from their fields to attend the party conventions and cast their ballots. This year, as in many others that are past, numerous agriculturists will find it more to their profit, if not to their liking to remain by the crops and permit those who have more time at their disposal to look after politics. Next year it is believed that it will be different. Farmers have found that they have had many and increasing advantages under a republican administration and it is a matter of general belief that all of them will take the time necessary from their work to get to the polls and endorse the administration of President Roosevelt.

There are a large number of people who will agree with Col. Bryan that "the democratic party is rich in principles." It has principles galore for every occasion and some of the as conflicting as can be. In 1892 its principle was for free trade. In 1896 it wanted the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any nation on earth, and in 1900 it wanted the people to take a stand against imperialism when there was none and militarism that had not been thought of. Any party as prolific of principles as this certainly is deserving of all the credit accruing. But when it is summed down to a right fine point it will be found that all the principles of the party point in the same direction and that is opposition to anything that the republican party favors.

Even though the cardinals do issue a joint note to the powers protesting against the loss of temporal power on the part of the pope, it is not believed that many of the great nations will unite with them in restoring such power. The church and the state cannot be united in this modern age as they were in the past. Modern people recognize that too much trouble resulted from such a combination to care to again give it a trial. They do not care whether it is the Catholics, or Methodists or Presbyterians who would attempt to secure control of national and state affairs, they will have none of it and this is particularly true of this nation. The churches will be encouraged and no attempt will be made to prevent them from growing and prospering, but the people of all denominations will insist on their right to a say as to how the country shall be governed. It is far better as it is.

From this time on will be a strenuous season for the game wardens who try to enforce the laws against the destruction of game birds. It is reported this early from sections of the state that hunters are out after the young chickens that are barely feathered out. The little birds make a temptingly savory dish, but it is almost a crime to shoot them as their undeveloped wings and inborn fearlessness makes them an easy prey for the leaden missiles of the conscienceless hunter. They are increasing in numbers and if the protective laws are rigidly enforced for another season or two there would again be game worth while on the prairies of Nebraska. One hunter can do more to decimate the number of birds at this season of the year than a dozen could accomplish after it becomes lawful to hunt them, and in the interest of the other eleven this one hunter should be suppressed.

Almost every paper recently brings news of one or more negro lynchings, race wars or other conflicts between the two races, and the trouble is not confined entirely to the south, either. It is a condition of affairs that may be calculated to cause the most thoughtful person to stop and wonder where it will end. Up to this time, while some of the reports are of white men lynching negro women, there have been no reports of negroes lynching white men, but it is not improbable that this will come in time. Certainly the negroes have as good right to lynch criminal white men as the white men have to murder criminal negroes, and it may be expected that they will retaliate in kind in the not far distant future. It is to be hoped, however, that the white men will be brought to their senses before the time comes, and that all, white and black, will be given the privilege of fair and impartial trials.

Perhaps one of the mistakes of Mr. Bryan in attempting to hold his popularity has been his neglect of the horseback route to public favor.

Grover Cleveland has at least never resorted to rough words and insulting phrases in speaking of the "new" democracy. His criticisms have been dignified and results are proving that his opinions have been about correct.

There are vast numbers of republicans who will hope that the Cleveland democrats will not succeed in reorganizing the party. The Bryan party has been "easy" and there is no telling what might develop through another reorganization.

It is getting pretty close to home for Omaha to indulge in a mad dog scare and it is to be hoped that the excitement incident thereto will not be contagious. There are too many dogs in Norfolk to be healthy should rabies break out among them.

An exchange confers this title on a distinguished citizen: "Missouri Pacific Section Foreman Worthen." With a few Ds, Ls, and other alphabetical suffixes, one might readily take it to refer to a distinguished eastern professor or scientist.

There are a whole lot of events that are worse and more unsatisfactory to all concerned than a firemen's tournament. The people of Norfolk are glad the boys came to liven the old town up a bit, and hope they may come again.

A Dodge county farmer defended himself from becoming a victim of a hold-up scheme on the part of a couple of strangers by having a shot gun handy and knowing how to use it. With more of that sort of farmers in the country there would naturally be fewer hold-up men.

General Miles should not assume that because the people of the country have honored and will honor one rough rider that they are in a mood to honor every rough rider who comes along. Then, too, it is different from riding right into the heart of the country's enemy and riding just merely because you want to.

It is stated that the punishment being meted out to the financiers in Wall street is because of too much water in the stocks. It has been a year of excessive moisture in Nebraska and Wall street may have felt the results from that, but no punishment has yet been dealt out to the man who invested in Nebraska property.

Forty thousand soldiers of the rebellion are passing away each year and in another decade the man who will take part in parades and other events for the old soldiers will be past seventy years of age. Many of them are already past that age, and only those who joined the army at a tender age are what might be called young old men.

Kansas, that a few days ago was in the throes of a terrific flood causing loss of life and property, is now possessed by hot winds that threaten the crops which were not drowned out. That is a change of weather conditions so radical as even to astonish the Nebraska weather man who is up to somewhat similar tricks himself, occasionally.

It is probable that there will be at least one tradition dispensed with in connection with the pope's office if that ring cannot be found. In this latter age of the world a small circumstance like that will not be permitted to interrupt the proceedings of as great an organization as the Roman Catholic church has become.

Mr. Morgan is probably willing to concede that though he does not like the anti-trust position of the administration he might be rendered perfectly harmless in producing a panic to its discredit. It is also evident that however strong a man may become in the financial world he is never too strong to assume a dictatorship, as some other financier or combination of financiers may readily cause his overthrow.

An exchange that devotes considerable attention to fashions says that "the handkerchief waist is another pleasing novelty." It has been realized for some time that fashionable women were attempting to make almost any scrap of goods answer for a waist, but it was never believed that they would make a handkerchief do, and perhaps one of those inch square, filmy articles that have been popular, at that.

It is safe to say that not one man in a hundred who raises corn knows all the uses to which this valuable cereal is put. A professor of the agricultural college at Ames, Iowa, is authority for the statement that 148 different manufactured products are made from corn, and when he says different manufactured products, he does not mean different brands of corn meal and starch, but products that are entirely dissimilar. One of

the recent manufactures from corn is rubber. It is wonderful product and its importance is growing constantly through Yankee ingenuity, until few realize in what form of manufactured product a bushel of corn may be returned to them.

Norwegian authorities are considerably alarmed because so many of the people of that country appear to favor America for a home. Last year 28,909 Norwegians left their native land, the majority of them coming to America. While this number of people is not enormously large, when it is considered that the country has but 2,000,000 inhabitants some reason for the apprehension of the authorities may be understood.

It is now announced by Editor Tibbles and Chairman DeFrance that the coming meeting of reformers at Denver is not for the purpose of organizing a new political party, but to rally the populists of the country, and particularly the west, around the flag. The principal object of the meeting as outlined is for the faithful to brace their feet to withstand the suction that would make them Grover Cleveland democrats at the next national convention of that party and provide a soft spot to fall in if the tie that now binds them to democracy is severed in this manner. It is hoped to form a basis for a third political party that will wear, at least until they have something worth again fusing with for the democrats or other party. Whatever the result of the conference it will be watched with some interest by the politicians of the country as indicating the direction of the political breeze.

The Fremont Tribune proves an alibi for that place and attempts to reflect on Norfolk when the alibi Nebraska City must shoulder the whole load. There is one difference, however, between this city and Fremont, and that is that Norfolk has plans under consideration for resurrecting its "electric mule." The Tribune says: "Clippings from the Milwaukee Sentinel yesterday fluttered in on the editor like snowflakes on Christmas day. The clippings were all alike. They told of a traveling man who visited Fremont and at the depot took a street car that was hauled by a lone mule which, in the absence of a driver, the traveling man was obliged to agitate into action. We dislike very much to spoil so good a story, but our love of the Eternal Truth compels it. If any traveling man from Milwaukee thinks he had any such experience in Fremont he was, manifestly, filled with Milwaukee fumes. If he had such an experience in Nebraska it was probably at Norfolk or Nebraska City, where mule motors are in use. Fremont can prove an alibi for it pulled up its street railway tracks a few years ago, after its electric mule died."

HOW FRATERNITY BINDS.

Some people are given to wonder at the hold fraternity has upon men who are affiliated with secret organizations. Some of the ignorant and superstitious attribute this power of holding men together to the evil one, whom they believe to be worshipped in the secret meetings, or the fear that is taught to the members to prevent them from divulging the secrets. Those fully informed know that it is a bond of brotherhood, frequently more notable than that of the family circle, which binds men one to the other in a firm and lasting fraternal association.

A remarkable evidence of this fraternity is furnished from New Jersey where, in a hospital at Plainfield, Wilson S. Frederick is struggling back from the jaws of death. Mr. Frederick is a Mason. On the evening of January 27, last, he was caught in a wreck, pinned down under a heap of splintered wood and iron and the skin slowly roasted from half his body by hot steam. His sad plight was discovered by Dr. Pitts of the hospital force, a friend and fellow Mason, who worked heroically to rescue him from his perilous situation and succeeded, but considered that he had brought him forth only to die, because it had been held by physicians and scientists that a person losing more than a third of his skin was doomed to die, regardless of what might be attempted, and Mr. Frederick had lost at least half of his natural covering. His doctor was not to be influenced by this belief, however, and while understanding that the work would be arduous and demand many sacrifices, determined to make the best effort in his power to save his helpless and suffering brother.

Skin-grafting was the one hope held out, and the doctor at once presented the matter to the master mason of the lodge to which he and the patient belonged. The officer presented it, in turn, to the lodge at the next meeting, when was exhibited a touching and altogether noble spirit of unselfish fraternity, the members, as one man, offering their services and agreeing to submit to the operation of removing from twenty to thirty pieces of skin from their persons. One hun-

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THE SCOLD'S BRIDLE.

Brutal Punishment to Which Women Were Once Subjected.

The brink, or scold's bridle, or gossip's bridle, was neither more nor less than a muzzle. It was in general use in Great Britain from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century, and in Scotland as well women were muzzled for certain offenses, some at least of them more imaginary than real. The instrument of torture, even a dog's leather muzzle, is uncomfortable; how much more the scold's muzzle? It consisted, according to a high authority, Mr. W. Jewitt, of a kind of crown or framework of iron, which was locked upon the head, and it was armed in front with a gag, a plate or a sharp cutting knife or point, which was placed in the poor woman's mouth so as to prevent her moving her tongue, or it was so placed that if she did move it or attempt to speak it was cut in a most frightful manner. With this cage upon her head and with the gag firmly pressed and locked against her tongue the miserable creature, whose sole offending perhaps was that she raised her voice in defense of her social rights against a brutal and boisterous husband or had spoken honest truth of some one high in office in her town, was paraded through the streets, led by a chain by the hand of a bellman, the bridle or the constable or chained to the pillory, the whipping post or market cross, to be subjected to every conceivable insult and degradation, without even the power left her of asking for mercy or of promising amendment for the future, and when the punishment was over she was turned out from the town hall or the place where the brutal punishment had been inflicted, maimed, disfigured, bleeding, faint and degraded, to be the subject of comment and jeering among her neighbors and to be reviled by her persecutors.—Fireside Magazine.

Why Men Eat Too Much.

Eating is the greatest of all our standard amusements. A great number of people obviously eat a great deal more than they need, and it is entirely credible that a large proportion of the moderate eaters might thrive as well and look as handsome and work as hard and live as long on a very much restricted diet. But would the joy of life continue unimpaired for them? The native born might raise plenty of children if they could subsist for 11 cents a day, but would they think life was worth living on 11 cents worth of food a day? No, they wouldn't. That is one thing that all men.—Harper's.

Stoppage Voting For Daniel.

A funny story is told about an old time doctor who, writing a letter, asked a judge, "Judge, isn't e-q-u-i the way to spell equinomial?"

"Yes, I think it is," said the Judge, "but here's Webster's Dictionary. It can soon tell you."

He tried to find the word, but gave it up at length, and exclaimed, "Well, sir, I've always been a Daniel Webster man, but any man who will write as big a dictionary as this and not put in as common a word as equinomial can't get my vote for anything hereafter."

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